

REMARKS

Claims 1, 10, and 13 have been amended; therefore, Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-20 are pending. Applicant has carefully considered the application in view of the Examiner's action and, in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

Claim 1 has been objected to because of certain informalities. Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 13 to overcome the indicated objection and rejection, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection of Claim 1 and the rejection of Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2005/0118998 to Sanchez Ferreras et al. (hereinafter "*Sanchez*") in view of U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0190522 to Aerrabotu et al. (hereinafter "*Aerrabotu*"). In response, and further to previous amendments and arguments that have been set forth, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 13 such that they now more clearly distinguish, and are patentable over the cited references.

Specifically, independent Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim one of the distinguishing characteristics of the present invention, namely, that individual ones of the entries (i.e., of roaming networks) are given less weight than other entries, without being deleted, when aged beyond a selected age. Independent method Claim 13 has been similarly amended in a manner analogous to method steps. These amendments are supported, for example, at page 12, line 6, and page 8, line 31, of the specification as originally filed, thereby adding no new matter to the application.

Sanchez has been cited as fully disclosing Applicant's invention as recited in Claims 1 and 13, except merely for the teaching that the network is a packet data network and that the network is connected to other networks by way of a respective gateway, for which *Aerrabotu* has been cited. However, neither *Sanchez* nor *Aerrabotu* teach or suggest individual ones of entries

being given less weight than other entries, without being deleted, when aged beyond a selected age, as recited by Applicant in Claims 1 and 13, as now amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is apparent that *Sanchez* and *Aerrabotu* fail to teach, suggest, or render obvious the unique combination now recited in independent Claims 1 and 13. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 1 and 13 clearly and precisely distinguish over the cited references in a patentable sense, and are therefore allowable over the cited references and the remaining references of record. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by *Sanchez* in view of *Aerrabotu* be withdrawn.

Claims 2-7, 9-11, and 14-20 depend from and further limit independent Claims 1 and 13, in a patentable sense, and, for this reason and the reasons set forth above, are also deemed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of dependent Claims 2-7, 9-11, and 14-20 be withdrawn, as well.

Applicant has reviewed the prior art made of record and not relied on, and has concluded that this art does not prejudice the patentability of the invention as defined by the present claims. For this reason and the reason that they have not been applied against Applicant's claims, no further discussion of them is deemed necessary.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this application in condition for allowance, or in better condition for appeal. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests, for the reasons set forth herein and for other reasons clearly apparent, full allowance of Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-20 so that the application may be passed to issue.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or desire clarification of any sort, or deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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